

A full, true, and particular Account, of LORD GEORGE GORDON, *turning Jew; the reason of his Embracing the Jewish Persuasion; as also serious Remarks on his dangerous situation.*

THE reason of Lord George Gordon turning a Jew, it is said, is on account of the fair Jews who reside at Norwich; and is worth sixty thousand pounds or upwards. But why, Lord George, do you look with so much pleasure and attention upon what is mortal to you? Why do you cast your eye there? To what purpose do you look upon that which is not permitted? Do not deceive yourself, if it is not precisely a sin to look, is an occasion of sin; it is a sign of the fault you have done, in not watching enough upon yourself: it is the cause of the fault that you will commit through want of vigilance and precaution. For while you amuse yourself in this manner, the Serpent subtly glides into your heart; he speaks self expressions to you; he seduces your reason by flatteries: he by his lies, takes from you fear, assuring you, that you shall not die. You greedily drink the poison that will destroy you, and this poison will make you bring wretches into the world that will perish like yourself. Turn your eyes towards Calvary, see what Christ suffered for your innocence, as he was; whatever ills you endure you are not brought to undergo the outrages that were done to him, to those buffetings, to that ingnomious rob, to that crown of thorns, in fine you are not brought to the cross, since men are no more punished by that. The death of a God has made that a subject of glory, and to cease to be an instrument of punishment, it has passed from the place of torments to the forehead of monarchs: if Christ does so much honour to the instrument of his death, what does he not for those who believe in him and love him.

In consequence of instructions from Mr Justice Buller, Macmanus proceeded to Birmingham, and on Friday last, apprehended Lord G. Gordon, for a contempt of the Court of King's Bench, the Judges of whom had found him guilty of being concerned in the publication of libel.

Lord G. Gordon has lived in town of Birmingham since August last, unknown to every class of men but those of the Jewish Religion, having renounced the Christian Faith, and adhered rigidly to the doctrine of the Hebrew Church.

The ceremony of circumcision he is said to have undergone with a degree of conscious complacency and condescension, which nothing but a mental conviction could ever effect.

He appears with a beard of an extraordinary length, and the usually raiment of the Jews; and asserts, that it is a sin for any man to be seen differently. He will touch nothing that is served according to the freedom of the Christian religion.

In the first interview between him and Macmanus, he was surrounded by a number of Jews, who affirmed that his Lordship was Moses risen from the Dead in order to instruct them, and enlighten the whole world.

It appears, that his Lordship officiated in a

principle Synagogue in Birmingham, as a chief of the Lavitical order; and his eloquence and persuasion have certainly been very conspicuous, as he received little less than the adoration of the Hebrews.

When Macmanus solicited his immediate departure from Birmingham, his Lordship said, that he could not comply with his request, the following day (Saturday) happening to be his Sabbath; and that if he was resolved for his departure, he must enforce it, because his conscience deemed it sinful to travel on the Sabbath.

The journey from Birmingham to London was performed with uncommon celerity.

His Lordship had a turkey and some victuals dressed in the form of the Hebrews, which he carried with him.

As soon as he arrived in London, he was conveyed to Mr Justice Buller's and from thence, very early yesterday morning, to the King's Bench Prison, where he now remains, visited and caressed by the most opulent and religious Jews in the kingdom.

Yesterday the Right Hon. Lord G. Gordon was brought up to receive that sentence, which but for his migrations to Holland, Birmingham, &c. he would have received some months back. The delay has not, however, proved favourable to his Lordship, or tended to mitigate the severity of the judgement which was then ready to be passed upon him.

The Attorney General, on behalf of the crown, did not urge the judgement of the Court with any acrimony.

On the part of his Lordship, Messrs. Wood and Dallas stated many arguments to shew, that though his Lordship stood in the predicament of a person guilty of a libel, yet in point of law those publications for which a verdict had been pronounced against him, were not in fact written with a libellous intent, nor ought legally to be so considered. They endeavoured with much ingenuity to explain away the obvious meaning of the obnoxious passages in both those libels.

The Court being of another opinion, Mr Justice Ashbury pronounced the sentence as follows:—

For writing and publishing the Prisoner's Petition, to be imprisoned in Newgate for three years
For writing and publishing the Libel on the Minister of the French Court, to be imprisoned in the same Goal for two years, to commence from the expiration of the first Sentence.

To pay to the Crown a fine of 500l.

To enter into a recognizance at the expiration of his imprisonment—himself in 10,000l, and two sureties in 500l. each, for his good behaviour for 14 years.

Lord George was quite silent; he was dressed in a drab coloured coat, his hair, as usual, undressed: and his beard of a considerable length.

Lord George's demeanor was so different from that which he was wont to observe, as to interest every one in his miserable situation.